

1. (Original) An extended-release metformin tablet, comprising:
 - a. from about 500 mg to about 1000 mg metformin,
 - b. 5-25% w/w rate-controlling polymer(s), and
 - c. other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
2. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 1 comprising 850 mg metformin.
3. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 1 comprising 1000 mg metformin.
4. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 1 wherein metformin may be in the base form, or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.
5. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 4 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is hydrochloride, fumarate, hydrobromide, succinate or embonate.
6. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 5 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is hydrochloride.
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16. (Original) The extended-release tablets according to claim 1 wherein the total tablet weight is not more than 1500 mg.
17. (Original) The extended-release tablets according to claim 1 wherein the tablets release metformin in a controlled manner over 12 hours.
18. (Original) The extended-release tablets according to claim 1 wherein the tablets release metformin over 24 hours.
19. (Original) The extended-release tablets of claim 1 further comprising one or more of sulfonylureas, insulin, glitazones, alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, meglitinides, fibrates, statins, squalene synthesis inhibitors and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.
20. (Original) A process for preparing extended-release metformin tablets, comprising:
 - a. blending metformin, 5-25% w/w rate-controlling polymers and other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients,
 - b. compacting / slugging,
 - c. milling or crushing the compacted / slugged material of step (b) into granules, and
 - d. lubricating and compressing the granules to form tablets.
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41. (Original) A monolithic extended-release metformin tablet, comprising:
 - a. from about 500 mg to about 1000 mg metformin,
 - b. 5-25% w/w rate controlling polymer(s), and
 - c. other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
42. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 41 comprising 850 mg metformin.
43. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 41 comprising 1000 mg metformin.

44. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 41 wherein metformin may be in its base form, or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

45. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 44 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is hydrochloride, fumarate, hydrobromide, succinate or embonate.

46. (Original) The extended-release tablet according to claim 45 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable salt is hydrochloride.

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56. (Original) The extended-release tablets according to claim 41 wherein the total tablet weight is not more than 1500 mg.

57. (Original) The extended-release tablets according to claim 41 wherein the tablets release metformin in a controlled manner over 12 hours.

58. (Original) The extended-release tablets according to claim 41 wherein the tablets release metformin over 24 hours.

59. (Original) The extended-release tablets of claim 41 further comprising one or more of sulfonylureas, insulin, glitazones, alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, meglitinides, fibrates, statins, squalene synthesis inhibitors and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.

60. (Original) A method for the treatment of non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus in a patient in need thereof, comprising administering extended-release metformin tablets, comprising:

- a. more than 500 mg metformin,
- b. 5-25% w/w rate-controlling polymer(s), and
- c. other pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

61. (Original) The method according to claim 60 wherein the tablets may further include one or more of sulfonylureas, insulin, glitazones, alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, meglitinides, fibrates, statins, squalene synthesis inhibitors and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors.